

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (withdrawn) A method for providing an image on an organic product, the method comprising the steps for:

creating an image on a transfer medium; and
transferring the image onto an organic product.

2. (withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step for creating an image comprises the steps for:

creating a first image on a cliché;
applying ink to the cliché; and
lifting at least a portion of the ink from the cliché to form a second image, wherein the second image is the image created on the transfer medium.

3. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the step for lifting comprises the steps for:

placing the transfer medium in contact with the cliché; and
removing the transfer medium from the cliché.

4. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the step for creating further comprises the step for removing excess ink applied to the cliché.

5. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the step for creating a first image comprises the step for etching the first image into the cliché.

6. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the cliché comprises a photosensitive material.

7. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein step for etching comprises the steps for:

providing a third image;

creating a film positive of the third image; and

exposing the photosensitive material through a wash out process to etch the third image into the photosensitive material.

8. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step for allowing the transferred image to set.

9. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the organic product comprises at least a portion of:

(i) a flower;

(ii) a fruit; or

(iii) a plant.

10. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the image transferred onto the organic product comprises at least one of:

(i) a character;

(ii) a number;

(iii) a logo;

- (iv) a picture;
- (v) a symbol;
- (vi) a design;
- (vii) an icon; or
- (viii) a trademark.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A product as recited in claim 35, wherein the group of flowers comprises roses.

13. (previously presented) A product as recited in claim 35, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image is on at least one of:

- (i) a petal of a flower in the group of flowers; or
- (ii) a leaf of a flower in the group of flowers.

14. (previously presented) A product as recited in claim 35, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image includes at least one of:

- (i) a character;
- (ii) a number;
- (iii) a logo;
- (iv) a picture;
- (v) a symbol;
- (vi) a design;

(vii) an icon; and

(viii) a trademark.

15. (previously presented) A product as recited in claim 35, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image has been pad-printed through a transfer printing technique.

16. (withdrawn) A system for providing an image on an organic product, the system comprising:

a portion of an organic product;

a transfer medium; and

an image, wherein the image is located on a portion of the transfer medium and is used to provide a transferred image onto the organic product.

17. (withdrawn) A system as recited in claim 16, wherein the organic product is a flower.

18. (withdrawn) A system as recite in claim 17, wherein the portion is one of:

(i) a petal; or

(ii) a leaf.

19. (withdrawn) A system as recited in claim 16, further comprising a cliché, wherein the cliché includes an etched image that is at least partially filled with ink to place the image on the portion of the transfer medium

20. (withdrawn) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the cliché includes a plate, and wherein the transfer medium includes one of:

- (i) a pad; or
- (ii) a roller.

21-24. (canceled)

25. (withdrawn) A product as recited in claim 24, wherein the flower is a rose.

26. (previously presented) A product as recited in claim 37, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image includes at least one of:

- (i) a character;
- (ii) a number;
- (ix) a logo;
- (x) a picture;
- (xi) a symbol;
- (xii) a design;
- (xiii) an icon; and
- (xiv) a trademark.

27. (previously presented) A product as recited in claim 35, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image has been machine printed through a transfer printing technique.

28-30. (canceled)

31. (withdrawn) A product as recited in claim 11, wherein ink used to create the image dries at substantially the same time.

32. (withdrawn) A product as recited in claim 11, wherein the group of flowers is a single flower.

33. (withdrawn) A product as recited in claim 24, wherein the petal is not indented.

34. (withdrawn) A product as recited in claim 24, wherein the image dries at substantially the same time.

35. (previously presented) A product comprising:

a group of flowers, each flower having a stem and one or more petals, wherein said one or more petal(s) is free of an etched or cut image; and

a repeatable, identical, pad-printed image provided on said petal that is free from an etched or cut image, said image selected from the group of:

a communication from a sender of the group of flowers to an individual recipient of the group of flowers;

a personalized communication to the individual recipient of the group of flowers;

a generic message to recipients in general; and

a commemoration of an event.

36. (canceled)

37. (previously presented) A product comprising:

a group of flowers, each flower having a stem and one or more petals, wherein said one or more petal(s) is free from cuttings or markings of a laser; and

a repeatable, identical, pad-printed image provided on each of said petal that is free from cuttings or markings of a laser, said image selected from the group of:

a communication from a sender of the group of flowers to a recipient of the group of flowers;

a personalized communication to the individual recipient of the group of flowers;

a generic message to recipients in general; and

a communication commemorating an event.

38. (previously presented) A product as recited in claim 37, wherein the group of flowers comprises roses.

39. (previously presented) A product as recited in claim 37, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image is on at least one of:

(i) a petal of a flower in the group of flowers; or

(ii) a leaf of a flower in the group of flowers.

40. (previously presented) A product as recited in claim 37, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image has been pad-printed through a transfer printing technique.

41. (previously presented) A product as recited in claim 37, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image has been machine printed through a transfer printing technique.